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## Letter from Thomas G. Clemson to Elias Baker, 1861 April 4

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House and other public buildings  
and thus rescue them from the bats  
and owls which will, in other events,  
surely take up their wonted place.  
It is with feelings of deep regret that  
I witness the breaking up of the great  
Confederacy, but I look forward with  
confident hope to speedy installment  
of the new South upon the remains of the  
rotting carcass that now lay prostrate.

Give my best respects to your son &  
many kind messages to Aunt & your  
daughters. Welcome me to be very truly,

Yours

Thos. H. Allen

Col Elias Baker -

Montgomery Alabama April 4<sup>th</sup> /61

My dear Sir

Since I left you in Washington  
I have been travelling in various places -  
but on a line from Washington to this  
place - Some time my friend in Columbia  
So Columbia some time in Charleston, and  
some time on the Rice Plantations in South  
Carolina - The country here and every  
where that I have been is as quiet as  
a summer's morning, no fear no anx-  
ety - no conscription of any kind & no more  
taxation than you have North - All  
that is said to the contrary in the lying  
papers notwithstanding. The war pre-  
paring for war and if the North wants  
it & the black republicans force it  
upon us, they will surely have it.  
& they will find out that war will  
not be the place in this ground it will  
be carried home to them until they cry  
peace -

That is the feeling here, and if Lincoln  
does not walk straight he will have  
to go elsewhere to finish his four  
years -

There is neither boast, hurry or bluster  
in these parts, but a firm intention  
to maintain themselves free from inter-  
ference from any quarter - as to recon-  
struction that is not dreamed of and  
this Govt will never consent to go  
to the other. This amended Constitution  
under which we are working is preferable  
to the old instrument & we will grow  
by segregation & the succeeding States  
South of the Ohio & Pennsylvania will  
naturally come in and so much of the  
North as can affiliate in peace with  
the South - The Cromwell breed  
of New England can continue to live  
on granite and dried fish - We are  
thankful for the blessings of Heaven  
which have been so lavishly given

us. But time will clear up many  
things that are doubtful - In the  
mean time the Sun shines as it  
ever did - Corn is coming up, & cotton  
is being planted as if nothing had  
occurred yet a great revolution has  
been consummated without a drop of  
blood & I hope & pray we may be  
spared from any such result - But  
as I said before that will depend  
upon the Black Republican policy  
North - A disgraceful set they are  
and ignominiously will they furnish their  
bad rule -

I leave here to night for Augusta  
Georgia thence to Columbia and on to  
Pendleton where I hope to join Mrs  
Clemson who is staying with her mother  
and in the course of two weeks I hope  
to be landed at the Home & wait  
quietly until the Southern Confederacy  
shall quietly take possession of the White